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11. (C) Around 07:00 AM on November 12, six to seven militant boats were spotted shooting into the air offshore Exxon Mobil's Qua Iboe Terminal (QIT) in Akwa Ibom State. According to security sources, the military Joint Task Force (JTF) repelled the militants around 10:30 AM after a firefight which resulted in one naval officer being seriously injured. Exxon Mobil reported no casualties but said it would relocate spouses and children from their housing base in Eket, Akwa Ibom.

12. (C) At 1:00 PM six to seven boats passed Exxon Mobil's Noble Dunn Walker rig east of QIT. The militants were reportedly forced to continue past the rig because the tide was too low for them to navigate through this area. These boats were then reportedly seen headed north to the Calabar River Channel. One security representative with Addax believed the militants were based in Bayelsa State. Some security contacts speculated that Bayelsa-based Victor Ebikabowei, who is still active according to Chevron contacts, was responsible.
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